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For: METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 3-

METHYLAMINO-1-(THIENE-2-YL)-

PROPANE-1-OL

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both six attached replacements sheets and six annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.